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H.R. No. 2221

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 16 fellows of the 2019 Moreno/Rangel Legislative  
2 Leadership Program have ably served their fellow Texans during the  
3 86th Legislative Session; and

4 WHEREAS, The program is sponsored by the Mexican American  
5 Legislative Leadership Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan  
6 organization established by the Mexican American Legislative  
7 Caucus to foster the development of leadership skills among Latino  
8 youth; in 2003, the foundation launched its fellowship to offer  
9 outstanding undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to  
10 gain first-hand experience in the functions and operations of the  
11 Texas House of Representatives during a legislative session; it is  
12 named in honor of the late Paul C. Moreno, the longest-serving  
13 Hispanic member of the House, and the late Irma Rangel, the first  
14 Mexican American woman to serve in the Texas Legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2019, the program welcomed the largest class of  
16 fellows since its inception, including LaRessa Quintana, Nicolas  
17 Cruz, Stephanie Zuniga, Elliot Ross, Sarah Gonzalez Claytor,  
18 Chelsea Rangel, Keila Martinez, Sofia Morales Moreno, Hypatia  
19 Sorunke, Karla Peredo, Azhalia Leal, Zachary Cochran, Maria Nereida  
20 Jaimes, Tannya Oliva, Alejandrina Guzman, and Adriana Aguirre  
21 Hernandez; and

22 WHEREAS, During the session, these 16 talented students  
23 worked alongside veteran staff on policy matters in the offices of  
24 representatives, and they participated in weekly seminars where

1 they interacted with Latino leaders, elected officials, and state  
2 agency personnel; their challenging responsibilities helped them  
3 learn more about the legislative process and the issues facing  
4 citizens of the Lone Star State; moreover, they gained valuable  
5 insights into the nature of public service and the many ways in  
6 which they can contribute to their communities; and

7 WHEREAS, The fellows of the 2019 Moreno/Rangel Legislative  
8 Leadership Program performed their duties as policy aides with  
9 skill and dedication, and they are indeed deserving of special  
10 recognition for their fine work; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby commend the fellows of the 2019 Moreno/Rangel  
13 Legislative Leadership Program for their exceptional efforts and  
14 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared  
17 for the fellows as an expression of high regard by the Texas House  
18 of Representatives.